

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
2430 E Street, NW
Washington 25, D.C.

24 January 1949

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Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau
Foreign Broadcast Information Service
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Dear Alan:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have just written to your mother which I think is self-explanatory.

I think it is reasonably certain that a letter written by your sister addressed to you at "Cairo, FBIS, Department of State, Washington, D. C." was erroneously sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and eventually returned to your sister. This naturally caused your mother to think that possibly other mail sent to you at this address had not reached you or was held in Washington awaiting a more exact address.

I have no objection whatever to your using the other address if you care to. I am sure that you will advise your mother promptly so that she will not be further concerned.

Kindest regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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2450 E Street, NW
Washington 25, D.C.

24 January 1949

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of 12 January 1949 to the Department of State has just reached my desk, and I hasten to reply since I know that you are anxious to have [redacted] address clarified.

The official address which I use in writing to Alan is: Foreign Broadcast Information Service, [redacted] Egypt. I do not know why he advised you to use "Cairo, FBIS, Department of State, Washington, D. C." I suspect, however, that he thought that by using this address your letters would reach him via State Department pouch, thereby avoiding censorship and insuring expeditious delivery.

What has obviously happened in the case of the letter you refer to as having been returned to your daughter stamped "Not in FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) Directory" is that this letter was erroneously referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation instead of to this organization, which is the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS).

Insofar as I am able to determine, no mail is being held for [redacted] in Washington; hence, it is reasonable to assume that other mail addressed to him has been forwarded. I am writing [redacted] today and will mention this little mix-up to him. I am sure that you will hear from him shortly. In the meantime I think it is perfectly safe for you to continue to use either the official address which I have given you or that which Alan suggests. To avoid further mistakes of the kind experienced by your daughter, the official address might be a safer one to use.

I am in daily telegraphic communication with [redacted] and can tell you that to the best of my knowledge and belief he and his family are in excellent health and are enjoying their tour of duty in Cairo. It is also a real pleasure to tell you that [redacted] has done an exceptionally fine job in this assignment and you should be very proud of him.

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I recall fond memories of our long conversation at [] home
on that Sunday afternoon shortly before his departure and I hope that
I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again some time.

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Sincerely,

L. K. White

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